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SUBJECT: ECOSOC COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT:  
SECOND SESSION MARCH 11-29, 1974

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SUMMARY: THE FRENCH DELEGATION TO SECOND SESSION - CSTD WILL  
BE LED BY PROFESSOR JEAN COULOMB, WITH LOUIS GROS AS NUMBER-  
TWO MAN. GROS OUTLINED THE FRENCH VIEWS ON THE CSTD AGENDA WHICH  
HE THOUGHT ACCORDED WITH PROBABLE US POSITION. HE ADDED HE WAS  
"SLIGHTLY OPTIMISTIC" THAT MEETING WOULD BE PRODUCTIVE. END SUMMARY.

1. IN RESPONSE REFTEL 22673, SCIATT MET WITH MFA UN AFFAIRS  
OFFICIAL BIRAN AND WITH LOUIS GROS, THE NUMBER TWO MAN IN THE  
FRENCH DELEGATION TO THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR  
DEVELOPMENT ( CSTD). BOTH AGREED WITH DEPARTMENT'S OBJECTIVES --  
THAT DELEGATIONS TO CSTD BE LED BY SCIENTISTS AND SCIENCE POLICYMAKERS.

THEY SAID THAT PROFESSOR JEAN COULOMB, DISTINGUISHED SCIENTIST  
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AND MEMBER OF INSTITUT DE FRANCE, WOULD AGAIN LEAD THE FRENCH

DELEGATION.

2. GROS COMMENTED THAT AT LAST SESSION COULOMB WAS FED UP WITH THE POLITICAL OBSTACLES CREATED BY THE LDC'S. GROS WAS "SLIGHTLY OPTIMISTIC" FOR THE SECOND SESSION, AGREEING WITH SCIATT'S OBSERVATION THAT NOW THAT THE LDC'S HAD MADE THEIR POLITICAL POINTS THEY MIGHT ADOPT A MORE WORKMANLIKE ATTITUDE.

3. GROS, WHO SAID HE WILL BE PREPARING POSITION PAPERS THIS WEEK FOR THE MEETING, GENERALLY THOUGHT FRENCH AND US VIEWS ON CSTD COINCIDED. HE GAVE SCIATT HIS PRELIMINARY OBSERVATION ON FOUR AGENDA ITEMS. FIRST, FRANCE WOULD OPPOSE ANY MOVE TO HAVE ANOTHER CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT RESEMBLING IN ANY WAY THE 1963 CONFERENCE. AT THAT TIME, HE AS SAID, 2500 DELEGATES GENERATED AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF PAPER WITH LITTLE TIME FOR DISCUSSION. HOWEVER, FRENCH MIGHT CONSIDER A RESTRICTED CONFERENCE OF EXPERTS. SECOND, RE AGENDA ITEM 3C, FRENCH WOULD WORK FOR FLEXIBILITY IN DETERMINING OBJECTIVES AND WOULD OPPOSE ANY MOVE TO SET QUANTITATIVE OBJECTIVES FOR DC SCIENCE EXPENDITURES IN INTERESTS OF LDC'S. HE HOPED THAT THE ISSUE OF QUANTIFICATION COULD BE REFERRED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. THIRD, THE FRENCH POSITION ON BRAIN-DRAIN WOULD BE SIMILAR TO THE US. HOWEVER, NOT HAVING RECEIVED REPORT YET, FRENCH PROBABLY COULD NOT DEVELOP POSITION IN TIME FOR THE MEETING. FOURTH, THE AGENDA ITEM CONCERNING PROTEIN WOULD NOT POSE PROBLEMS, AS IT INTERESTED ONLY NORWAY AND DENMARK AMONG THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. GROS WAS DISTURBED BY FAILURE TO DISTRIBUTE DOCUMENTATION FOR THE MEETING ON TIME.

4. COMMENT: GROS IS EAGER TO DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT AND THE DEPARTMENT MIGHT WISH SHARE ITS THINKING ON THE CSTD WITH HIM.STONE

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